WHAT IS CLAIMED IS 1

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A method of controlling a network which includes network elements connected via links, and provides services, comprising the steps of:

creating view-configuration information based on network-configuration information with respect to each of the services such that the view-configuration information is related to the network-configuration information; and

displaying a view based on the viewconfiguration information with respect to each of the services, the view including both or either one of a physical network configuration of the network and a logical network configuration of the network.

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2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said step of creating includes the steps of:

selecting network elements and links from a network configuration represented by the networkconfiguration information; and

creating the view-configuration information according to the selected network elements and links.

3. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said step of creating includes the steps of: 35 selecting a connection from a network configuration represented by the network-configuration

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1	information;	and

creating the view-configuration information according to the selected connection.

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4. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said step of creating includes the steps of:

10 selecting ports of network elements from a network configuration represented by the network-configuration information; and

creating the view-configuration information according to the selected ports.

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5. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said step of creating includes the steps of:

specifying attribute conditions of connections; and

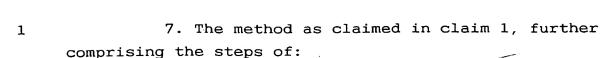
creating the view-configuration information by extracting network elements and links relating to at least one connection that matches the specified attribute conditions.

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6. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said step of creating includes the steps of:

specifying a service name; and creating the view-configuration information

35 by extracting network elements and links relating to connections that provide the specified service name.



providing matches between failure levels and failure labels with respect to different types of failures, the failure levels indicating significance of failures either as physical failures or as service failures; and

displaying a failure level of a failure occurring in the network in association with the displayed view.

8. The method as claimed in claim 7, further comprising the steps of:

controlling the failures by a unit of a node or a port of a node; and

selecting a failure level of a connection by

20 finding a largest failure level along the connection,
and displaying the failure level of the connection in
association with the displayed view.

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9. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a step of selecting nodes and links on the displayed physical network configuration to set a route between edges.

35 10. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said step of selecting includes the steps of:
selecting the edges on the displayed physical

network configuration; and
setting the route between the edges by
extracting nodes and links so as to use as small a
number of intervening edges and links between the
selected edges.

11. A system for controlling a network including network elements and links, comprising:

a database which stores network-configuration information and view-configuration information such that the view-configuration information is related to the network-configuration information;

a service-management server which attends to registering and updating of the information stored in the database, and defines views of a physical network configuration and a logical network configuration with respect to each of the services based on the view-configuration information stored in said database;

a network-management server which collects information on configurations of the network elements and the links as well as information on failures, and informs said service-management server of a change in at least one of the configurations and the failures for a purpose of said updating; and

a client which displays both or either one of the physical network configuration and the logical network configuration with respect to said client's own service based on the views defined by said servicemanagement server.

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12. The system as claimed in claim 11,

1	wherein said network-management server includes a
	failure-level-conversion table that provides matches
	between failure levels and failure labels with respect
	to different types of failures, the failure levels
5	indicating significance of failures either as physical
	failures or as service failures.

13. The system as claimed in claim 11, wherein said service-management server includes a connection-setting unit which controls settings of a connection between edges based on the edges, nodes, and links selected from the physical network configuration.